

4-GOAL FORM PUTS ABINGDON OUT

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ABINGDON went down disastrously but honourably by 9—0 in their third round Berks and Bucks Senior Cup tie at Loakes Park today. They tried to play good football but made too much use of short passes on heavy ground. Wycombe with Lowen and Balson both in devastating four-goal form put on a sparkling display.

Wycombe: Patrick; Beck, Pullin; Maharg, Roystone, Lewis; French, Horseman, Lowen, Balson, Hodges.

Abingdon: Allen; Weston, Winter; Nathan, Cooper, Rowlands; Thomas, Butler, James, Fleming, Buck.

Referee: R. H. Harding (Wendover).

Abingdon's hopes were raised with two early corners and some neat chips and back-heels by player-manager Butler.

They began to falter as Wycombe's inside forwards began to over-run their wing halves and Lowen began to show his worth as striker and schemer.

Wycombe went ahead after five minutes when French centred for BALSON to score with a half-hearted shot that touched the upright and deceived goalkeeper Allen.

After 16 minutes LOWEN scored after a Hodges corner, and seven minutes later BALSON ran onto a beautiful through-ball from Horseman to make it three.

For Wycombe at least the fourth goal after 25 minutes was a comedy. Balson took the ball past Allen after receiving from Lewis—and then miskicked and fell over.

LOWEN followed up to put the ball into an empty net.

TWO HAT-TRICKS

LOWEN completed his first half hat-trick with a pass from Hodges after 30 minutes, and three minutes later BALSON got Wycombe's sixth.

Then Allen heartened Abingdon with a great flying save from Balson. At the other end Thomas sent the ball against the Wycombe crossbar from 30 yards. LOWEN got Wycombe's seventh near half-time with a shot from close in.

Half time: Wycombe 7, Abingdon 0.

Wycombe took it easy in the second half and Abingdon came a little more into the game but they could not penetrate a strong Wycombe defence.

After 55 minutes Lowen burst through and presented the ball to BALSON for an easy goal.

FRENCH got the ninth after a shot from Horseman had been cleared.

Abingdon came closest to scoring when James hit the outside of the upright.

As the game neared its end the Wycombe crowd roared for a tenth and it nearly came when Hodges tore into the middle and passed to Balson but Winter kicked his shot off the line.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE W. 9
ABINGDON T. 0

WYCOMBE GO ON SPREE

Wycombe 9 Abingdon 0

WYCOMBE scored six goals in the first 30 minutes and strolled comfortably to their easiest victory for years against Hellenic League rivals Abingdon Town in this Berks and Bucks Senior Cup third round tie.

Abingdon, who had three former Wycombe players, Butler, James and Cooper in their ranks, tried hard but were outclassed in every department and were seven goals down at half-time.

Wycombe forwards, despite the absence of their star right-winger Len Worley, played with an easy precision which wrecked the shaky Abingdon defence from the start.

Wycombe penned Abingdon in their own goal area and scored regularly throughout the first half, centre forward Peter Lowen claiming four and inside left John Balson three.

Leisurely Wycombe slackened the pace in the second half, but hard-pressed Abingdon, hardly ever in the picture in attack, still had their work cut out to limit the scoring to only two more from Balson and French.